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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC
STUDIES ON SHRIMP

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1. TO RESOLVE PROBLEM OF INVITATIONS FOR PROPOSED
AUGUST 21-24 MEETING IN GEORGETOWN, U.S. SCIENTIST BULLIS
PROPOSES TO COMMUNICATE PERSONALLY WITH FISHERY DIRECTORS
IN PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (INCLUDING OBSERVER COUNTRIES)
BY LETTER. ISSUE OF FORMAL SPONSORSHIP BY USG OR GUYANA
WILL THUS BE AVOIDED.
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2. IN REGARD TO COSTS THAT MAY BE INCURRED TO RENT MEETING
FACILITY AND FOR SOCIAL FUNCTION, FLEET OWNER JACK
SAHLMAN HAS AGREED TO COVER ANY REASONABLE EXPENSES. HIS
FIRM IS BASED IN GEORGETOWN AND ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE
THROUGH LOCAL MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL OF GEORGETOWN SEAFOODS.
NO USG MONEY COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE,

SINCE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, WHILE ABLE TO COVER TRAVEL EXPENSES OF U.S. SCIENTISTS TO MEETING, CANNOT FUND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

3. EMBASSY MAY AGAIN APPROACH MINISTER KENNARD, EXPLAIN

THAT USG VIEWS PROPOSED MEETING AS SYMPOSIUM OF EXPERTS AND THAT IT NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE SPONSORED BY ANY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, EXPECT GUYANA FISHERIES OFFICIALS TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR ATTENDEES AND MEETING ROOM RESERVATION. EMBASSY MAY STRESS TO KENNARD THAT USG IN NO WAY OPPOSES WECAF PROJECT (U.S. IS IN FACT MEMBER OF WECAF) AND THAT RESULTS OF STUDIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR WECAF TO USE IN THE FUTURE WHEN THEIR LONGER RANGE PROJECT TAKES SHAPE. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT PROPOSED TAGGING PROGRAM SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ASAP TO BEGIN TO PROVIDE DATA ON THE FISHERY, AND THAT AUGUST MEETING WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE PROJECT OFF THE GROUND. VANCE

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